

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

MARKED VERSION OF THE CLAIMS WITH PRESENT STATUS DELINEATED

- **THE CLAIMS ARE HEREIN AMENDED, CANCELLED, OR ADDED TO, SO AS TO EVENTUATE IN THE NEW SET OF PENDING CLAIMS LISTED BELOW. THIS LISTING OF THE CLAIMS WILL REPLACE ALL PRIOR VERSION AND LISTINGS OF THE CLAIMS IN THIS APPLICATION**

Please amend the claims as follows:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Currently Amended) A reusable sorbing coalescing agent for facilitating the separation of a non-aqueous phase from an aqueous phase consisting of a ragged-edge particulate reusable material having substantially small uniform sized particulate units, wherein the particulate reusable material includes particulate units of a size ranging from 1 μm to 3 μm , ~~wherein said particulate units and which comprise a ragged edge component~~ having ~~have~~ a dimension in the nanoscale range, and wherein ~~said ragged edge component comprises the ragged edges of said particulate units include filaments extending outwardly therefrom~~ outwardly extending filaments.

2. (Previously Cancelled)

3. (Previously Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The sorbing coalescing agent according to claim 1, wherein the particulate reusable material includes particulate units of a size ranging from 10 μm to 2000 μm .

5. (Previously Cancelled)

6. (Previously Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The sorbing coalescing agent according to claim 1, wherein the dimension in the nanoscale range is selected from the group consisting of ~~particulate-unit~~ ragged edge component thickness, ragged edge component filament size, ragged edge thickness and combinations thereof.

8. (Previously Cancelled)

9. (Previously Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The sorbing coalescing agent according to claim 4, wherein the dimension in the nanoscale range is selected from the group consisting of ~~particulate-unit~~ ragged edge component thickness, ragged edge component filament size, ragged edge thickness and combinations thereof.

11. (Previously Cancelled)

12. (Previously Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The sorbing coalescing agent according to claim 4, wherein the particulate reusable material includes particulate units of a size ranging from 10 μm to 1000 μm .

14. (Previously Presented) The sorbing coalescing agent according to claim 1 wherein the particulate reusable material is an organophilic hydrophobic sorbing coalescing agent capable of being electrostatically charged.

15. (Previously Cancelled)

16. (Previously Cancelled)

17. (Previously Cancelled)

18. (Previously Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) The sorbing coalescing agent according to claim 10, wherein the particulate reusable material includes particulate units of a size ranging from 10 μm to 1000 μm

20. (Previously Presented) The sorbing coalescing agent according to claim 19 wherein the particulate reusable material is an organophilic hydrophobic sorbing coalescing agent capable of being electrostatically charged.